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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WILLOWBROOK/WALNUT PARK PARATRANSIT SERVICE
HOURLY RATE RENEGOTIATION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this service continues to be more economically performed by an independent contractor than by County employees.
2. Approve a maximum new hourly rate of \$41.98 for the Willowbrook/Walnut Park Paratransit Service.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contract amendment and other required documents to implement the new hourly rate.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On March 16, 2004, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to execute Contract No. 001473 for the Willowbrook/Walnut Park Paratransit Service with Southland Transit, Inc.

A provision in Section 5 of Contract No. 001473 allows for the renegotiation of the basic hourly rate if the actual number of hours changes 25 percent or more from the original projection during the term of the contract. Currently, the actual number of hours

performed by Southland Transit, Inc. under Contract No. 001473 is 35 percent lower than the original projection. As a result, the contractor has requested that the basic hourly rate be renegotiated.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Service Excellence as it continues to use the contractor's expertise to effectively provide paratransit service in a timely and cost-effective manner. This service improves the mobility of the transit-dependent elderly and persons with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Increase the hourly rate from \$41.18 to \$41.98.

The current contract is for an annual amount not to exceed \$550,000, plus an additional 25 percent for unanticipated additional service requirements. The increase in the hourly rate from \$41.18 to \$41.98 will be offset by a decrease in the number of the billable hours, which are lower than originally anticipated. Therefore, no increase in the current contract amount is necessary.

In accordance with methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, Public Works has determined that contracting for this service remains cost-effective under the revised rate and hours.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This action authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to renegotiate the hourly rate and execute amendments and any other required documents with Southland Transit, Inc. after approval as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 16, 2004, Synopsis 46, your Board found this paratransit service to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b) (10) under transportation-related projects.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The action provides for the continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald L. Wolfe".

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel